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***Our May Meeting will be a ZOOM meeting, held the Third Sunday of May at 1pm,
Please look for the email from Tom inviting you to the meeting.***

You can join the meeting as early as 12.30 for social time.

No snacks will be served. LOL.

***Presentations at the Meeting will be given by Father Michael, and Greg. Please let
Susan know if you have not yet given a 5 minute presentation and you
would like to. Tom will be leading us in Christian Prayer.***

***Our Prayer Group is now doing zoom prayer meetings every day at 3pm.
Please join us if you don't already. You can join by telephone or computer or iphone
or ipad. Thank you to Michael Oliver and Tom for making this happen.
We have a very good number of our members praying together every day.***

***Our Dorothy Day apostolate is still very active on the 4th Sunday of the month.
Thank you to all who so faithfully help with this.***

***Minister's Message: Pope Francis has asked all believers in the world to pray,
Fast and perform acts of Charity on Mercy on May 14th,
Asking God to end Covid-19. LET'S DO IT!***



HAPPY

*Mother's
Day*



A Prayer from Portia....

Eternal Father, You made the whole world stop spinning for awhile.

You silenced the noise that we all have created

You made us bend our knees
again and ask for a miracle.

You closed Your churches so we will realize
how dark our world is without You in it.

You humbled the proud and powerful.

The economy is crashing, businesses are closing.

We were very proud, we thought that everything we have,
everything we possess was the result of our hard work.

We have forgotten that it was always Your grace and mercy that made us who we are.

We're running in circles looking for some cure to this disease, when in fact we need to humble ourselves and ask You for guidance and wisdom.

We've been living our lives like we will be here on earth forever, like there's no heaven.

Maybe these trials are Your mercy in disguise.

Maybe this virus is actually Your way of purifying us, &
cleansing our soul, bringing us back to YOU.

Today as these words travel the internet may all who see them join their hearts hands together in prayer! Asking for forgiveness & asking for healing & protection from this virus...

GOD just wipe it from the earth!

Father, You have been patiently waiting for us.

We're so sorry for ignoring Your voice...
and in our selfish ways, we've sometimes forgotten that YOU are GOD!

You only need to say the words and our souls shall all be healed.

We ask these things in Jesus name!

...Amen

Prayer for all

LET'S REALLY CELEBRATE THESE AMAZING MAY FEAST DAYS!

Our Lady of Fatima — May 13

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.



St. Joan of Arc — May 30

Burned at the stake as a heretic after a politically motivated trial, Joan was beatified in 1909 and canonized in 1920.

Born of a fairly well-to-do peasant couple in Domremy-Greux southeast of Paris, Joan was only 12 when she experienced a vision and heard voices that she later identified as Saints Michael the Archangel, Catherine of Alexandria, and Margaret of Antioch.

During the Hundred Years War, Joan led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. In the end, she was condemned for wearing men's clothes. The English resented France's military success—to which Joan contributed. Remembered by most people for her military exploits, Joan had a great love for the sacraments, which strengthened her compassion toward the poor. Popular devotion to her increased greatly in 19th-century France and later among French soldiers during World War I. Theologian George Tavard writes that her life "offers a perfect example of the conjunction of contemplation and action" because her spiritual insight is that there should be a "unity of heaven and earth."





Prayer for Enlightenment

*Almighty, eternal, just and merciful
God, grant us in our misery, the grace to do for you
alone what we know you want us to do, and always
to desire what pleases you.*

*Thus, inwardly cleansed, interiorly
enlightened, and inflamed by the fire of the Ho-
ly Spirit, may we be able to
follow in the footprints of Your
beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*And, by Your grace alone, may we make our way to
You, most High, who live and rule in perfect Trinity
and simple Unity, and are glorified
God all- powerful forever and ever-*

AMEN

from "A Letter to the Entire Order"

Francis and Clare: The Complete

Works.

Spiritual Assistant's Message

May, 2020

This is part two of my writing of Our Father Francis's understanding of scripture and prophecy.

After one of his overseas trips, Francis preached at Celano and was invited to dinner by a knight. He and his companions accepted and went to the knight's home. Upon arrival, he gave praise to God in prayer. He then told the host to confess all his sins and to be prepared to be rewarded by God for giving the poor such a warm welcome. The knight did as he asked and prepared himself for death after putting all of his affairs in order. When they sat down to eat, the knight dropped dead as was foretold by Francis. He was given the ultimate reward of heaven for his hospitality typical of a prophet and given to a prophet. The knight had heeded the warning of Francis of his pending death and escaped eternal damnation in spite of his military career.

While Francis was sick at Rieti, there was a loosely living man by the name of Gedeon. He made arrangements to be brought to Francis to ask him to bless him with the sign of the cross. But Francis objected stating that he did not seek forgiveness from God for his indulgences. But he agreed to do it anyway at the insistence of Gedeon's friends. He admonished Gedeon of a more severe wrath if he continued his sinful ways after his cure. He was immediately cured after Francis made the sign of the cross. Gedeon arose and began to praise God for being saved, but unfortunately returned to his sinful tendencies.. One evening, after dining with a friend and then retiring for the night, the roof of the house collapsed. All but Gedeon were able to escape, he being trapped and killed by God's retribution for his apparent ungratefulness.

A woman came to Francis one day for assistance with her husband. He was cruel to her and prevented her from serving Christ. She asked him to pray for him that God may turn him around. He told her to go in peace and that her husband will have a change of heart. But he also asked her to tell him that retribution will still follow after a time of mercy. She did as he requested going off. Her husband, having been changed by the Holy Spirit, responded with, "Let us serve God together and save our souls." They both lived the rest of their lives in marital bliss and died together.

St. Francis became duly noted for his supernatural gifts from God providing all sorts of miracle cures and predictions of the future and revealing of secrets in consciences, comparable to the prophet Elias.

St. Francis informed a friend of his in Siena what his future would be. A theologian heard of this and approached him about it upon which Francis also gave him a prediction of the theologian's future. To future confirm this prediction, Francis also told the theologian of a conflict he had on his conscience and advised him on how to resolve it. The learned theologian eventually died exactly the way Francis predicted.

Special blessings for all our moms this Mother's Day!

Mike

The Girl In the Garden, A Canticle

Part I ... The Creatures

I am the sun, yellow and warm,
That wipes morning dew from her body.
I am the wind, clear and fragrant,
That strokes her hair into thin fine strands.
I am the rain, wet and nourishing,
That bathes grains of sand from her head and
hands.
I am the earth, brown and sturdy,
That gives balance to her delicate, bare feet.
I am a bouquet, lavender, iris, and primrose,
That adorns her with my bloom.'



Part II ... The Fawn

Gaze, O Fawn, upon the wonders of her chorus
And marvel at her field of creatures:
Filaments of light,
Curls of air, drops of moisture,
And her roots of dark soil.
Praise, O Fawn, her bountiful blossom
So innocent and honest:
Sweet morning fragrance,
A scattering of sun drops,
Fourfold white moonlight.



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Part III ... The Girl

I sense the warmth of the rising sun on the nape of my neck,
And the slow drying of my body.
I know the touch of the eager breeze, as it massages my body,
As it tugs my long hair, like an invisible brush.
I savor those precious water drops on my head and hands,
As they wash the day's dust to the ground.
I experience the strength of mother earth under me,
And am held firmly centered, like a rock.
I hear the melody of flowers all around me,
Each with tone and tang unique.
I feel the peacefulness of my still admirer,
In silence I am emptied.

Part IV ... The Call

Hail, radiant maiden, Maria,
You are filled with the Spirit's grace.
I am called towards your presence,
Into the fresh essence of your joy,
The soft candlelight of your sorrows,
The rare nobility of your glory:
To be with you,
The Girl in the Garden.

The Contigo Maria Garden
For the Virgin Mary
Fall, 2000

Peace and All Good,
In All Ways and Always!
Sister Monica Sheeran, fmsj
And Gregory Davis, sfo



***Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, USCCB President,
Reconsecrating the United States To
Mary, Mother of the Church
May 1, 2020***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to...
Alfio Mazzaglia on May 10
Connie Barrera on May 24.

There are no celebrations of profession anniversaries this month.

The Mass for fraternity members living and dead was celebrated privately on May 2 at St. Jude's Church.



Prayers:

Please pray for.... all of the Special Intentions of our members, so many at this time that we can name only a few....

Please pray for

Healing from cancer for Alfio Mazzaglia and Hazel Cummings' husband, Marty.

Tom's brother-in-law in Hospice and for his grieving wife Ann,

The Fiestas who lost a good friend to Covid-19,

Jennifer's cousin as she recovers from Covid-19 and her Aunt who passes from it,

Healing from autism for Genie Dutton's granddaughter, Paytyn & great-grandson, Cole (4), daughter-in-law, Lauren who lost her business due to the restraints of the coronavirus and all others who have suffered this loss, for Genie's son, John, who contracted the virus, that he continue to be asymptomatic.

That we and our families are safe from the corona virus and that this scourge will end soon due to the prayers of the faithful.

Intercessory Prayer can penetrate the hearts of those we cannot open
And shield those we guard.
It can teach where we cannot speak,
And comfort where our hearts have no power to soothe.

Prayer, with its unseen hand,
can enter where we cannot.





May,
the month of
Mother Mary

Let's
imitate Jesus
in His love
for Our Lady
by offering her
“flowers”
of our
filial love
and affection
in the
little things
of each day!

Reflection and Prayer
—Genie Dutton

SOLDIER OF CHRIST
BEARER OF HIS WOUNDS
WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?
WHERE ARE OUR WOUNDS?
WHERE ARE THE POOR, THE LONELY,
THE GASPING FOR FREEDOM F
ROM APPALLING ABUSE?
WHY ARE WE HERE?
WHY ENJOY OUR COMFORTS,
DIRECTLY PROVIDED
FOR FROM THE KING OF KINGS
AT HIS CRUCIFIXION?
CAN WE DO MORE?
WILL WE?
CAN I CALL UPON MY WARRIORS
IN THIS AGE FOR LOVE,
AND COMFORT AND CARE?
WILL YOU STEP OUT
INTO THE DISCOMFORT
OF MY CHILDREN?
I AM CALLING YOU.
I AM FRANCIS
I AM CHRIST

